

# Battle of Stones River

## 153rd Anniversary



**Saturday December 26, 2015**

**10 AM - *The Approaching Thunder: Nolensville*** - Join Park Ranger Jim Lewis at the Nolensville Cemetery where he will tell the tale of the opening struggles of the Stones River Campaign on the ground where they unfolded. You can meet Ranger Jim at the site or follow him there as he leaves the visitor center at 9:15 AM. (45 minutes)

**Nolensville Cemetery**  
**Nolensville, TN 37135**  
**35.949653, -86.669665**

**11 AM - *Stones River Stories: The Homefront*** - Gain some insight into the battle's impact on the lives of people living in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County. (30 minutes)

**1 PM - *Stones River Stories: The Army of Tennessee*** - Let a park ranger take you to one of several key sites on the battlefield where you will the story of a Confederate soldier or unit that fought there during the Battle of Stones River. (30 minutes)

**2 PM - *Stones River Stories: The Army of the Cumberland*** - Join a park ranger for a talk featuring the story of a Union soldier or unit on the ground where they fought in the Battle of Stones River. (30 minutes)

**3 PM - *"A Hard Earned Victory"*** - Help a park ranger examine the results of the Battle of Stones River and discover the long reaching effects of that bloody struggle on Murfreesboro and the nation. (30 minutes)

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**Sunday December 27, 2015**

**10 AM - *The Approaching Thunder: Jefferson Pike Bridge*** - Join Park Ranger Jim Lewis at the Smyrna Greenway parking lot at 240 Fitzhugh Blvd. and learn about the bitter struggle for control of the nearby bridge over Stewart's Creek that occurred there on December 27, 1862. You can meet Ranger Jim at the site or follow him there as he leaves the visitor center at 9:15 AM. (45 minutes)

**240 Fitzhugh Blvd**  
**Smyrna, TN 37167**  
**35.999030, -86.507405**

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**Monday December 28, 2015**

**10 AM - *The Approaching Thunder: The Confederates Concentrate at Murfreesboro*** - Join Park Ranger Jim Lewis at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center and imagine watching the tired troopers of Wharton's cavalry passing by on December 28, 1862 as the Confederate Army of Tennessee prepares itself for a battle at Murfreesboro. You can meet Ranger Jim at the site or follow him there as he leaves the visitor center at 9:15 AM. (45 minutes)

**3050 Medical Center Pkwy**  
**Murfreesboro, TN 37129**  
**35.866995, -86.448504**

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**Tuesday December 29, 2015**

**10 AM - *The Approaching Thunder: Harker's Crossing*** - Join Park Ranger Jim Lewis at the 84 Lumber access to the Stones River Greenway and walk to the spot where the battle of Stones River nearly began on December 29, 1862. You can meet Ranger Jim at the site or follow him there as he leaves the visitor center at 9:30 AM. (45 minutes)

**1935 NW Broad St**  
**Murfreesboro, TN 37129**  
**35.875571, -86.424100**

**11 AM - *Stones River Stories: The Homefront*** - Gain some insight into the battle's impact on the lives of people living in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County. (30 minutes)

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**Wednesday December 30, 2015**

**10 AM - *The Approaching Thunder: Eve of Battle*** - Join a park ranger for a talk detailing the events of December 30, 1862 that set the stage for the Battle of Stones River. (30 minutes)

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**Thursday December 31, 2015**

### ***Real Time Tours***

Walk the ground where some of the most pivotal events of the Battle of Stones River unfolded at the exact time they occurred 153 years ago. Groups will meet at the visitor center. Some programs will require driving to the starting point. Each walk will last ninety approximately 90 minutes.

**10 AM - *The Slaughter Pen*** (Includes Infantry Demonstration)

**12 PM - *Hell's Half Acre*** (Includes Artillery & Infantry Demonstrations)

**2 PM - *Fighting for the Nashville Pike*** (Includes Artillery & Infantry Demonstrations)

If you can't make these special walks, join a ranger or volunteer at the visitor center for *Stones River Stories*, a 30-minute talk featuring the story of a soldier or unit that fought in the Battle of Stones River. Programs will be offered at 11 AM, 1 PM and 3 PM.



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**Friday January 1, 2015**

**10 AM - *The Eye of the Storm*** - Learn about the quiet but critical events of New Year's Day that shaped the outcome of the Battle of Stones River. **30 minute talk**

**11 AM - *Stones River Stories*** - Listen as a ranger shares the story of a soldier or group of soldiers that fought in the Battle of Stones River. **30 minute talk**

**1 PM - *Forever Free*** - Explore how the Emancipation Proclamation shaped the course and outcome of the Civil War through the experiences of people who lived and fought in middle Tennessee. **30 minute talk**

**2 PM - *Battlefield Caravan Tour*** - Visitors will follow a ranger in their vehicles and stop at four sites to learn about the events and people that are part of the story of the Battle of Stones River. **90 minute tour**

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**Saturday & Sunday January 2-3, 2015**

***"It Sounded Like A Constant Thunder"***

Join living historians in the fields near the visitor center as they present a series of programs describing the final, bloody struggle of the Battle of Stones River.

**10 AM - *The Mayor's Men*** (Confederate Infantry)

**11 AM - *Samuel Welch Loses A Friend*** (Union Infantry)

**12 PM - *Highs and Lows with the Chicago Board of Trade Battery***  
(Union Artillery)

**1 PM - *My Poor Orphans*** (Confederate Infantry)

**2 PM - *"Something Was Up"*** (Union Infantry)

**3 PM - *Mendenhall Saves the Day*** (Union Artillery)

**4 PM (Saturday Only) - *The Last Charge*** (Combined Arms Demonstration at the McFadden Farm Site, Tour Stop #6)